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Hi Kris and Dustin,

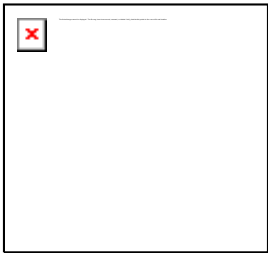
The Indian Health Service (IHS) is pleased to provide a recommendation for abandoning the unneeded well on the Cowlitz Trust Land. Since the Federal Government does not have a separate well abandonment procedure for Trust Land we typically recommend the local State's guidance. In this case that is Washington. We strongly recommend that you follow Washington's guidance including utilizing a licensed well drill and filing a notice of intent. The State maintains a well database and by going through the States procedure the fate of the well will be recorded there for future knowledge. I am attaching the WAC regulation for well abandonment but the regulation does not apply on Trust land. The procedure is still very good. This procedure recommends a concrete plug and cutting the casing off 6 feet below grade. The important thing is to eliminate the well as a source of groundwater contamination and as a physical hazard.

If you have any question regarding this please feel free to contact me directly.

Thanks

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